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Applicant : Scott E. Moore Attorney Docket No.: 500170.14
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Title : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONDITIONING AND MONITORING MEDIA
USED FOR CHEMICAL-MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION

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This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing dates of prior Application No. 10/286,064, filed October 31, 2002, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/782,902, filed February 13, 2001, and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,572,440 B2, which is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/387,063, filed August 31, 1999, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,306,008 B1. The references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were submitted to and/or cited by the Patent and Trademark Office in these prior applications and, therefore, are not required to be provided in this application. If the Examiner wishes, copies will be provided upon request.

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Applicant also wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that applications, Serial Nos. 09/782,893, 09/782,892, 09/782,914 and 09/782,913 describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, were filed on February 13, 2001. These related applications, which are divisionals of above-referenced Application No. 09/387,063, filed August 31, 1999, and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,306,008 B1, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. Copies of these applications were submitted to the Patent and Trademark office in the aforementioned prior applications and, therefore, are not required to be provided in this application. If the Examiner wishes, copies will be provided upon request.

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